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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA - ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION

1. DURING OUR BREAKFAST WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOV 6, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS EXPRESSED CONSTERNATION THAT VENEZUELA AS A DEMOCRACY WITH TRADITIONS OF FAIR PLAY HAD FAILED TO VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION ON ZIONISM. ESCOVAR SALOM REPLIED WITH A VAGUE REFERENCE TO OPEC. I ASKED HOW HE WOULD VIEW A PROCEDURAL MOVE TO POSTPONE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE A SPLENDID IDEA.

2. CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICER INFORMS US THAT ON NOV 7 HE CARRIED OUT HIS INSTRUCTION TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH THE FONMINISTRY

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HE WAS TOLD THAT GOV WILL CONTINUE TO ABSTAIN IF THE RESOLUTION COMES TO A VOTE BUT THAT THE FONMINISTRY WOULD PREFER POSTPONEMENT. FONMINISTRY IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDING VOTING FOR ANY PROCEDURAL MOVE TO POSTPONE, IN A MEMORANDUM TO PRESIDENT PEREZ, WHO IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A DECISION OVER THE WEEKEND OF NOV 8-9 AND THEN ADVISE VENEZUELA'S PERMANENT UN REPRESENTATIVE SIMON ALBERTO CONSALVI.

3. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THE ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE APPROACHED
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THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THIS MATTER NOV 6.

4. COMMENT: SAUDI CHARGE TOLD POL COUNSELOR THAT VENEZUELA ABSTAINED FROM VOTING ON THE ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION NOT ONLY OUT OF DEFERENCE TO ITS OPEC PARTNERS IN GENERAL BUT ALSO AS THE RESULT OF SAUDI ARABIA'S PARTICULAR REQUEST TO THE GOV TO DO SO. THE CHARGE PURPORTEDLY TOLD THE GOV THAT AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND SPECIFICALLY THE SENDING OF A SAUDI AMBASSADOR TO CARACAS, WOULD DEPEND ON IMPROVED VENEZUELAN SUPPORT FOR SAUDI POSITIONS GENERALLY. SHALUDEMAN

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